

TURK-BULGAR PACT MAY FORCE GREEK PEACE

U. S. Will Fight if Necessary, Austin Says, as Galleries Applaud

Non-Aggression Accord Is Seen Blow to British

Von Papen Believed
King Pin in Apparent
Victory for Axis

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)
By The Associated Press.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 17.—Bul-
garia and Turkey have reached a
non-aggression accord which reliable
informants said today strikes a heavy
blow at British hopes of Turkish
help against any German armies
that may march across Bulgaria to
reach Greece.

These informants, interpreting the
accord, said it means that:

1. Turkey will not fight if Ger-
many marches into Bulgaria. The
Turkish press at times has said the
Turks would fight in such a case.
2. Greece may make a quick peace
with Italy merely in fear that the
Germans will march, making it un-
necessary perhaps for the Germans
to move.
3. A major obstacle to a German
advance on Eastern Greece across
Bulgaria has been removed.

Victory for Von Papen.

The kingpin of this apparent vic-
tory for axis diplomacy was under-
stood to be Franz von Papen, ace
German diplomatist and now Am-
bassador to Turkey. It was said he
had brought the Turks and Bul-
garians together.

Von Papen had pretty much
dropped from sight in recent weeks
while Britain seemed to be getting
the upper hand diplomatically.
Members of the British general staff
recently conferred with Turkish
military leaders in a show of soli-
darity.

Pressure by Stalin.

Now von Papen, who was Ger-
many's pre-Anschluss Ambassador
to Austria, seems to have engineered
another triumph.

In return for a Nazi promise to
leave Turkey alone and keep away
from the Dardanelles, it is reported
that Joseph Stalin put pressure on
the Turkish government. It is said
Turkey was told that Russia might
be forced to seek return of her "lost
provinces of Kars and Ardahan"
from Turkey should the Turks be-
come embroiled with Germany in
Bulgaria.

New Accord Minimized By British Sources

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Turk-
ish-Bulgarian non-aggression ac-
cord was regarded by authoritative
British sources today as a matter
solely concerning these two coun-
tries.

These informants pointed out
that Turkey alone and time has been
trying without success to restore
friendly relations with Bulgaria,
her neighbor.

They derided reports that such an
agreement would remove any dif-
ficulty for the Germans should they
cross Bulgaria in an effort to force
Greece to make peace with Italy.

Moreover, it was assumed here
that Turkey was not going to do
anything under the agreement
which would limit her freedom of
action in connection with her
mutual aid treaty obligation to
Britain.

Report of Pact Brings Cheer to Fascists

ROME, Feb. 17.—Reports that
Turkey had agreed to refrain from
fighting in the event of a German
thrust into Bulgaria brought cheer
today to Fascists, who regarded it
as an important axis diplomatic vic-
tory which might easily bring Greece
to terms with Italy.

Official sources remained silent
pending official confirmation of a
reported Turkish-Bulgarian non-
aggression pact.

A. F. L. and Printers Start Move for Peace

By The Associated Press.
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 17.—The Amer-
ican Federation of Labor and the
International Typographical Union,
representing 80,000 workers, made
peace today.

The I. T. U. will return to the
A. F. L. fold after an absence of
almost two years if the Typograph-
ical workers ratify the peace agree-
ment in a Nation-wide referendum.

The Typographical workers were
suspended from the A. F. L. for
refusing to pay a special assessment
of 1 cent per member per month,
levied for organization work at a
time when the A. F. L. and C. I. O.
were engaging in a major contest
for supremacy.

President William Green of the
A. F. L., announcing the accord, said
the Federation's Executive Council,
the I. T. U. Executive Board and
delegates from the printers to past
national conventions, had approved
the agreement.

'Near Spring' Weather Replaces D. C. Snow

Near-spring weather this after-
noon replaced a wet snow that be-
gan falling at 3:10 a. m. today and
gave way to a clear, bright day in
Washington by 9 a. m. Rising
temperature and the sun quickly
melted the fall and by 3:45 p. m. the
thermometer read 47 degrees.

The big flakes began falling as
the temperature hovered at 32 de-
grees, covering city streets with a
thin slush.

Forecast for tomorrow was partly
cloudy and colder while the tem-
perature was expected to return to
32 degrees during the night.

Late News Flashes

Plunge Victim Identified

The body of a man who died in a four-story plunge from
a window of the Atlas Hotel, at 601 Pennsylvania avenue N.W.,
was identified today as Frank Matthews Russell, a pay
clerk in the paymaster's department of the Marine Corps.
Mr. Russell, who lived in the 1800 block of Columbia road N.W.,
was identified by Carlton Post, Marine Corps chief paymaster.
(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

Van Nuys Favors Capper-Summers Resolution

Senator Van Nuys, Democrat, of Indiana, new chairman
of the Judiciary Committee, late today announced he is in
favor of the general objectives of the Capper-Summers reso-
lution for a constitutional amendment to empower Congress
to grant the District representation in Congress and a greater
measure of control over the local municipal government. He
said he would appoint a subcommittee to take up the question
before the end of the week.

Navy Buys Seagoing Tanks

The Navy Department today awarded \$2,240,000 in con-
tracts for an undisclosed number of troop-carrying, sea-
going tanks. The builder is Donald Roebling, Clearwater,
Fla. Several months ago the Navy conducted secret experi-
ments with this new form of armored tractor off Virginia
Beach, Va. The tractors are used for landing troops during
fleet maneuvers, are heavily armored and make about 10
miles an hour in the water.

Fire-Hurricane Death Toll Rises to 102

MADRID (AP).—The death toll in the fire-hurricane which
caused heavy damage in Spain and Portugal yesterday and
today was reported to have risen to 102 this afternoon.
(Earlier Story on Page A-2.)

Allis-Chalmers Strike Still On, Says C. I. O. Man

MILWAUKEE (AP).—The strike at the Allis-Chalmers
Manufacturing Co. still is in progress and will not end until
several controversial issues are settled at company-union
meetings, Ed Hall, C. I. O. United Automobile Workers' in-
ternational representative, declared today. Hall said a parley
in Washington with defense chiefs last week had resulted in
an agreement on one point at issue, but that this did not
mean that the strike had been settled.

Slaying Suspect Is Released

An 18-year-old colored youth, tentatively identified as
the slayer of Mrs. Fannie Cohen, 56-year-old victim of a
holdup shooting Saturday night, was released by police this
afternoon. Chief of Detectives Bernard W. Thompson said
that after a thorough investigation the suspect's "alibi
stood up."
(Earlier Story on Page B-1.)

Landon, 27; G. U. Prep, 23

The Landon School basketball team evened matters
with Georgetown Prep this afternoon, defeating the Little
Hoyas, 27-23, at Garrett Park. Earlier in the season Geo-
rgetown Prep defeated Landon at Landon. Paul Baker, Landon
center, took individual scoring honors with 12 points.

Adolph A. Hoehling, Former D. C. Court Justice, Dies at 72

Distinguished Member
Of Bar Failed to
Rally From Fall Hurts

Adolph A. Hoehling, 72, former
justice of the District Supreme
Court and a distinguished member
of the local bar, died this afternoon
at Garfield Hospital.

Judge Hoehling received an injury
to a vertebra in a fall several weeks
ago and failed to rally. Funeral
arrangements were to be announced
later.

It was Justice Hoehling who pre-
sided at the trial of Edward L.
Doheny and Albert B. Fall, who



JUDGE A. A. HOEHLING.
—Harris & Ewing Photo.

were charged with conspiracy in
the Elk Hills oil reserve case, grow-
ing out of the Teapot Dome in-
vestigation.

Judge Hoehling was appointed by
President Harding in June, 1921, to
succeed Ashley M. Gould as asso-
ciate justice of the Supreme Court
of the District. The appointment
was made at the unanimous re-
(See HOEHLING, Page 2-X.)

Bladensburg High Wins Eight Straight Game

The Bladensburg (Md.) High
School basketball team today won
its eighth straight game, triumph-
ing over the National Training
School for Boys, 23-14, in a game
played at Bladensburg. John Chap-
man of the Bladensburg team was
high scorer with eight points.

President Asks \$225,000,000 For Housing

\$29,735,140 Sought
Also for Treasury
Department

By The Associated Press.
Congress was requested by Pres-
ident Roosevelt today to appropriate
immediately an additional \$225,000,000
for national defense housing.
The appropriation, requested in a
letter to Speaker Rayburn, would
include \$75,000,000 to pay obligations
authorized by a resolution of the
Seventy-sixth Congress and
\$150,000,000 for new housing for in-
dustrial workers and families of en-
listed service men and civilian per-
sonnel of defense agencies.

The President also asked for \$29,735,140 for the Treasury Department,
including \$18,000,000 for tax
refunds and \$6,350,000 for construc-
tion of six new Coast Guard cutters
to serve in the vicinity of military
reservations.

Requests C. C. Legislation.

In a separate communication the
President requested legislation to
authorize the Civilian Conservation
Corps to use \$3,000,000 of its regular
funds for operation and main-
tenance of its motor repair division.

Meanwhile, Charles F. Palmer, co-
ordinator of defense housing, testi-
fied that legislation extending Fed-
eral mortgage insurance to defense
housing would be "good business and
save the Government money in the
long run."

Mr. Palmer urged the House Bank-
ing Committee to approve a bill to
authorize the Federal Housing Ad-
ministration to insure up to \$100,000,000 of defense housing on a 90
per cent basis.

"This will provide the most ex-
pedient method of meeting the de-
fense housing problem, with a min-
imum of disruption to industry and
without taxing the resources of ex-
isting Federal agencies," he said.

Industrial Housing Acute.

Defense housing needs are most
acute in industrial areas, Mr. Pal-
mer said. He cited conditions in
Detroit where, he said, it was esti-
mated that 160,000 workers may be
absorbed in defense industries dur-
ing the next year. Only about 60,000,
he said, would come from the
Detroit area, and the balance, com-
ing from outside, will require hous-
ing facilities.

Another development of the day
was announced by John M. Car-
mody, Federal Works Administrator,
of defense housing management
policies on taxes, tenant selection
and rentals.

Tax Policy Statement.

The tax policy stated that the
Federal Works Administration
would "enter agreements to pay an-
nual sums in lieu of taxes to any
State or political subdivision there-
of, with respect to any real prop-
erty acquired and held by them, in-
cluding improvements thereon."

Agreements would run for the pe-
riod of the emergency.
As for tenants, the Army and
Navy will be responsible for selec-
tions for housing developments for
service men. Otherwise tenancy
will be restricted to workers in
defense industries and their fam-
ilies.

Rentals will be determined by the
Army and Navy for their people,
while rentals of houses occupied by
industrial workers will be related to
the incomes of the occupants, Mr.
Carmody said.

'Worse Things Than War,' Senate Is Told

Debates With Bone,
Who Advocates
Ban on Convoys

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)
By J. A. O'LEARY.

Senate galleries applauded Sen-
ator Austin, Republican of Vermont,
when he declared during debate on
the lease-lend bill late today that
there are "worse things than war"

and that America would fight if it
became necessary.

Senator Bone, Democrat of Wash-
ington, advocating a specific ban
against convoys or sending Ameri-
can ships into the war zone, had
pleaded the United States being
aroused to support of a declaration
of war if vessels were sunk and
lives lost. He asked Senator Austin
if he did not believe an amendment
to prevent that would be desirable.

"I think that would be desperately
wrong," replied the Vermont Sen-
ator, who had spoken in defense of
the bill for nearly two hours.

"It would not be as desperately
wrong as war?" continued Senator
Bone.

"There are much worse things
than war," Senator Austin re-
sponded. "A world enslaved by Hit-
ler is worse than war—worse than
death."

Will Fight If Necessary.

Walking down the center aisle,
and speaking with deep emotion,
Senator Austin went on:

"A country whose boys will not
go out and fight for the preserva-
tion of Christianity and for the
principles of freedom—we, you will
not find such boys in America, and
if a time comes when it is necessary
for us to fight, we will fight."

When the galleries began to ap-
plaud the gallant officer, Senator
Hatch of New Mexico, admonished
spectators of the rule against dem-
onstrations of any kind.

Senator Bone led up to the dis-
cussion by saying it is his view that
the President, as commander in
chief, could order the Navy to con-
voy British ships, and speculated
(Continued on Page 2-X, Column 1.)

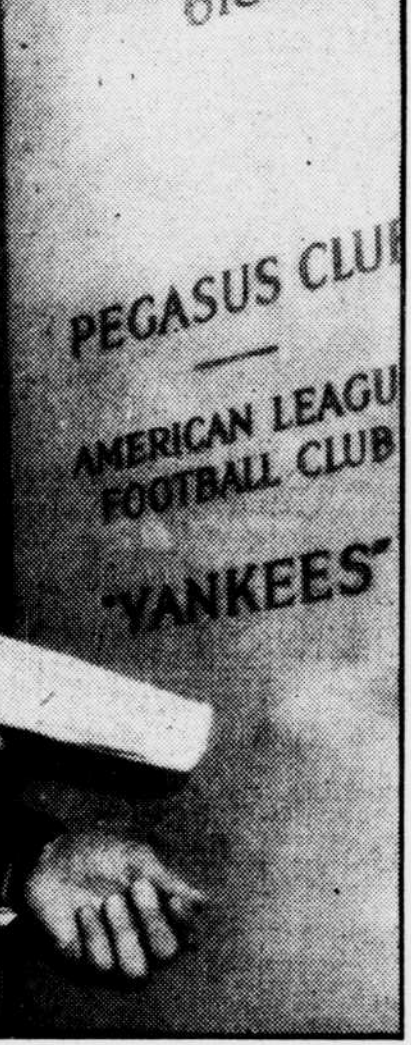
Loaded Tanker Blows Up; One Dead, 14 Hurt

By The Associated Press.
TEXAS CITY, Tex., Feb. 17.—The
Tanker Pan-Massachusetts, loaded
with 107,000 barrels of gasoline, ex-
ploded amidships today after an oil
dock fire spread to the vessel. One
man drowned, another was missing
and 14 men were hospitalized.

Crewmen leaped overboard as the
conflagration, racing along the
docks, reached the ship's side. An
hour after the fire started firemen
reported they were bringing the
blaze under control. No other docks
were endangered.

Chief Engineer J. C. Midgette re-
ported the dead man, a fourth as-
sistant engineer named Smith, lost
his grip as he sought to go hand-
over-hand along a cable leading
from the ship to shore. He plunged
into the water and drowned.

Another tanker, the Pan-Ameri-
can, was moved to safety.
The fire broke out on the dock,
apparently near a broken oil line.
Several small explosions followed.
Forty-five minutes later it reached
the Pan-Massachusetts and a violent
explosion followed.



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PEGASUS CLUB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
FOOTBALL CLUB
YANKEES

NEW YORK.—KIMBROUGH CLOSES PRO DEAL.—John Kim-
brough, Texas Aggie grid star, signed up today as a player for
the New York football Yankees. Here, at the door of the
Yankee office, he holds the papers—two contracts, one for
\$12,500 to play football and one for \$25,000, a personal contract
with Owner G. Hertz.
—A. P. Wirephoto.



"WE WANT PEPPER"—Two women of a group of demonstrators against the lease-lend bill are shown as they were escorted from the Capitol today by Policeman Dominic Perry after the delegation had set up a chant for Senator Pepper, staunch advocate of the measure. They gave their names as Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling (right) of Essex, Ill., and her secretary, Miss Jean Lundgren. Police said Mrs. Dilling was booked at the first precinct station on a disorderly conduct charge. (Story on page B-1.)
—A. P. Photo.

Food for Britain Apparently Discussed at White House

President, Hopkins, Cabinet Members
And Budget Director in Conference

(Earlier Story on Pages A-1
and A-5.)

The possibility of sending food as
well as war equipment to Britain
apparently was discussed today at a
White House conference between
President Roosevelt, the Secretaries
of War, Treasury, Navy, and Agri-
culture, the budget director, and
Harry L. Hopkins.

The group conferred with Presi-
dent Roosevelt for more than an
hour in what a White House official
said was a discussion on the ad-
ministrative machinery for the
lease-lend program proposed in the
pending British aid bill.

Meanwhile, during Senate debate
on the measure, Senator Lee, Demo-
crat, of Oklahoma, proposed an
amendment to give the President
specific authority to "sell, transfer,
exchange, lease, lend or otherwise
dispose of" any surplus farm com-
modities held by Government
agencies.

From Mr. Hopkins the White
House conferees were able to obtain
information which he had gathered
during four weeks in Britain as
President Roosevelt's personal em-
bassy.

Asked whether his presence meant
(See HOPKINS, Page 2-X.)

Kimbrough Signs To Play With Yankees One Year for \$37,500

Coming to Washington
To Seek to Confirm
Army Deferment

By The Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—John Kim-
brough, all-American back from Texas
A. & M., today signed a contract to
play football for one year with the
New York football Yankees of the
American League.

Kimbrough actually signed two
contracts—one for \$12,500 to play
football and another for \$25,000 for
personal services—with Douglas G.
Hertz, owner of the club. He re-
ceived \$2,500 as a down payment.
He will get another \$2,500 when he
graduates. The remainder will be
paid on a graduated basis.

There were no clauses pertaining
to Army service in the football con-
tract. The personal contract with
Hertz was suspended should Kim-
brough be called into service.

Kimbrough said he had been noti-
fied by the commandant at Texas
A. & M. that deferment for one
year had been granted because Kim-
brough has two brothers dependent
upon him. He was going to Wash-
ington today to seek to confirm the
action in a conference with the
Army general staff.

Kimbrough still has six weeks of
training ahead of him before he re-
ceives his commission, and he will
go to Camp Bullis at San Antonio
immediately after he is graduated.

On his football contract Kim-
brough received \$1,500 today, an-
other \$1,500 June 1, \$1,500 August 15,
\$2,600 September 15, \$2,600 October
and \$2,800 December 15. The other
contract calls for 1,000 now, another
\$1,000 upon graduation and 500 a
week thereafter during the year
until the total is reached. The con-
tracts were for one year each.

Hertz said he had several things
in mind for Kimbrough in refer-
ence to the personal contract, in-
cluding the making of Western
movie shorts.

Waters Near Constanta Declared Danger Zone

By The Associated Press.

BERLIN, Feb. 17.—DNB, German
official news agency, reported from
Bucharest today that Rumanian
territorial waters between Cape
Midia and Cape Tuzia, flanking the
Rumanian Black Sea port of Con-
stanta, have been declared a danger
zone.

Hangars at Airdrome In Brindisi Fired In R. A. F. Raid

Week-End Attacks on
Fields in Sicily
Also Reported

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 17.—Several
hangars at the airdrome at Brin-
disi, important Southern Italian
port, were set afire in British air
raids Saturday night, R. A. F. head-
quarters here announced today.

The communique also reported
fires and explosions on airdromes at
Catania and Comiso in Sicily, where
German dive-bombers are believed
to be based. These also were raided
Saturday night.

Besides hangars and administra-
tive buildings at Catania, grounded
planes also were hit and set afire,
the R. A. F. said.

More grounded planes were hit at
Comiso, the communique went on.
There was a series of explosions and
one fire burned "fiercely for more
than a half-hour."

Gela Airdrome Attacked.

"The airdrome at Gela also was
attacked, direct hits being scored on
hangars," the communique said.
"Having completed this raid, our air-
craft on the return journey machine-
gunned the beacon station at Cape
Passero." This cape is the south-
easternmost tip of Sicily.

Three landplanes and a seaplane
were reported destroyed in the
Brindisi raid and a "large red ex-
plosion" was seen near the airdrome.

Raids yesterday on Italian posi-
tions in Albania were reported. Gun
positions and motor transport con-
centrations were among the objec-
tives.

"Enemy troops and vehicles subse-
quently were machine-gunned by
our aircraft," the communique said.
"One of the most effective opera-
tions of the day was a severe attack
on retreating enemy columns and
motor transport on the Klisura-Ber-
at road."

Malta Again Raided.

Malta was raided Saturday night
and again yesterday, the R. A. F.
said, but "no damage was caused to
R. A. F. property."

An "offensive reconnaissance" by
the Mediterranean fleet's air arm
searching for Italian shipping off
the coast of French Tunisia resulted
in sinking a 7,000-ton merchant ves-
sel, the communique said.

From these operations, which in-
cluded also widespread support for
British land forces attacking Italian
East Africa, the R. A. F. said, all
the planes returned safely except
one bomber and one fighter and the
pilot of the latter was saved.

Dirksen Would 'Blitzkrieg' D. C. Sales Tax Move

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)
By JAMES E. CHINN.

A prediction that any attempt to
saddle a general sales tax on the
District as a substitute for the exist-
ing income tax would meet a "blitz-
krieg" in the House was made late
today by Representative Dirksen,
Republican of Illinois.

He is the ranking minority mem-
ber of the House District Commis-
tee and champion of the present
income tax law.
"I will resist with my utmost
efforts any move to replace the in-
come tax here with a sales tax," he
declared.

The statement was made by
Representative Dirksen after definite
steps were taken earlier in the day
by Chairman Randolph to the Dis-
trict Committee to bring about an
early overhauling of the local tax
structure.